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## BIG INDIANAPOLIS MILK CO. GOES UNION.



Committee members who arranged this banquet, floor show and dance for the Indiana State Drivers Council, wives and guests, in the Vendome Hotel, Evansville, Sept. 22, included C. B. Birdsong, president of Teamsters Local 215; Lloyd Rhoads, Local 11, Taxicab Drivers; M. J. Angel, Local 215; D. A. Keimer, Princeton, and Charles Miller, Vincennes. Note: The camera missed several tables of delegates and guests.

### Ind. State Drivers Council Attends Convention of ISFL And Banquet in Evansville

Delegates from practically all Teamster Unions in Indiana attended the 63rd annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor in Evansville, Sept. 21 to 24, listened to speeches, worked on committees and helped pass 66 resolutions important to the labor movement in this state.

On the evening of Sept. 22, the Teamsters attended a banquet in the Vendome hotel.

Most of the convention speeches and discussions were on the subject of the Taft-Hartley law and the crisis facing the working people. Consensus of the convention was that organized labor will be powerless to help the working man, prevent wage slashing, lengthening of his workweek, etc., unless the workers themselves get out and vote Nov. 2 for friends of labor and against such candidates as were sent from eight districts of Indiana to the last Congress.

The two candidates for Governor, Henry F. Schricker and Hobart Creighton, presented their campaign pledges to the convention.

Creighton argued that the utilities anti-strike law passed by the 1947 state legislature, with his aid, was a good law. Schricker promised if elected to work for its repeal.

Creighton maintained that the Taft-Hartley law was proving beneficial to everybody. Schricker

denounced the law as having been designed to destroy labor and said he would have voted against it if elected to the Senate four years ago.

Creighton claimed to be a friend of labor, but made no reference to the Creighton-Babcock law which he got passed by the general assembly and which is one of the worst anti-labor laws ever passed in Indiana.

Both candidates dodged the subject of local option.

A report by the Workers' Pro-  
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### LOCAL 144 SIGNS THREE LAUNDRIES

TERRE HAUTE—Teamsters Local 144 has completed negotiations with three laundries here, giving substantial increases in pay and improved working conditions to 20 sales drivers. The new contract became effective as of Sept. 1.

Officers and members of Teamsters Local 144 are saddened to learn of the death of Sister Mary Dalton and Brother G. Elbert Griffin, both Hulman employees.

### Chambers Signs Tire Co.

O. B. Chambers reports that Teamsters Local 759 has completed a contract with the General Tire and Rubber Co. at Wabash to run for two years from Oct. 1, 1948.

The contract gives the members increased pay. It can be opened in one year for renegotiation on wages.

(Signed)  
**MRS. EVA ROBERTS.**

Mr. Roberts was a driver for the Clemans Truck Line.

### POLK AGREES WITH LOCAL 188 AFTER 35 YEARS

After resisting union organization for 35 years, the Polk Sanitary Milk Co. of Indianapolis has agreed to recognize Teamsters Local 188 as bargaining agent for its 250 sales-drivers and plant workers.

The company's action follows two NLRB elections in which the Polk workers voted first to be represented by the union, and in the second, held Sept. 29, the workers voted overwhelmingly for a union shop.

Company manager, J. D. Dungan, is now in negotiations with C. E. Davis, president, and Richard Kinnaman, business representative of Local 188, preparatory to signing a union contract covering wages and working conditions for the 250 employees.

#### First Time in History

The Polk Co. is the first major dairy in the entire milk shed area of Indianapolis ever to grant union recognition for its employees.

In its former policy, the company went along with the

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### 4 Safe LaPorte Drivers Honored

WASHINGTON — Safe-driving awards have been forwarded by the American Trucking Associations, Inc., to the Lay Trucking Company, LaPorte, Ind., for presentation to four drivers, whose records cover from one to 12 consecutive years of driving without an accident.

The drivers who received the awards are: Edward Stickley, 12 years; William Geller, four years; Bernhard H. Krause, two years, and James J. Miller, one year. All are members of Teamsters Local 298, headed by E. C. Wilkes.

### Drivers Council and No. 135 Give \$600 to Top Winners Of State-Wide Truck Roadeo

Forty truck drivers participated in the state-wide Roadeo at World War Memorial Plaza, Indianapolis, Sept. 23 and 24, and four winners received cash prizes totaling \$600 from Teamsters Local 135 and the Indiana State Drivers Council.

### NOLAN ENDORSES JACK O'GRADY

(See Editorial on Page 2 by Senator O'Grady)

All Teamsters of the 6th Congressional Dist. of Indiana are urged by Elmer Nolan of Teamsters Local 73 to work for the election of State Senator Jack O'Grady of Terre Haute to represent that district in Congress.

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**JACK O'GRADY**

The top winners, John Waldon, in the tractor-trailer class, and William Wright, straight truck class, received \$150 each from Local 135 and \$100 each from the Drivers Council. The Drivers Council also gave \$50 each to the two drivers placing second. These were Walter Cline, tractor-trailer, and Richard Strouse, straight truck.

Many other prizes were given by interested parties to the four named drivers and also to those drivers making the third, fourth and fifth highest scores in both classes.

Waldon and Wright will be sent, expenses paid, to compete in the national Roadeo in Washington, D. C., which is a feature of the annual convention of the American Trucking Association, Inc., Oct. 8 to 13.

The Indianapolis Roadeo was conducted by the Indiana Motor Truck Association in connection with its annual convention, and the prizes were awarded at its annual banquet, held in the Claypool Hotel. E. J. Williams

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### Local 716 Meeting Nights

Below are listed the meeting nights for Local Union No. 716, Indianapolis.

General meeting of all crafts:

Last Friday of the month.

Individual Owner-Operators:

First Wednesday of the month.

Special meetings:

When necessity arises.

All meetings start promptly at 8:00 p.m., at 28 West North St. All members in good standing should have their books when they attend the meetings.

## Saga of Herman, the Old Goat, Related by Mayflower Driver

By Swede Carlstrom

On a bright summer day in Boston, Mass., I delivered a small load of furniture, consisting of six antique chairs, a cherry sugar chest, a cherry drop leaf table and an old seaman's chest. I had brought the shipment from Mobile, Ala.

The shipper's name was Mrs. Pendleton. She lived in an old brown-stone house on Beeker Street. Ringing the door bell I was met by a dignified old lady in black. A white lace collar over her shoulders was held in place by a beautiful carved cameo brooch. Beside her, in the door opening, stood a white, old goat. The peculiar thing about the goat, he was wearing eye glasses and was smoking a Mark Twain Meerschaum pipe.

In asking the lady if she was Mrs. Pendleton, she answered, "Yes, I am." And pointing to the goat she said: "And this is Herman." I nodded to Herman, who looked at me suspiciously.

I now told her about the furniture I brought and she asked me to come in, but the goat was blocking my way. Stubbornly he held me at bay with his butting head.

The old lady, seeing my predicament, called the goat away saying, "More than likely Herman thinks you are a sailor, seeing your white cap and the ship painted on your Mayflower van. He has a resentment toward sailors."

While I carried the furniture into the house, Herman was standing in the hall-way watching every move I made.

Mrs. Pendleton was very glad to get her things. As it was noon-time she invited me for tea and sandwiches.

She said: "I was just about to send Herman to the grocer when you came. So if you will excuse me I'll get him ready."

She now strapped two wicker-woven baskets, saddle-like, over his back, with a list of things in one. She took off his eye glasses and put on sun glasses, saying the glaring sun was hard on Herman's eyes. Over his head she put a straw bonnet with places cut out for his horns, and tied it underneath his goatee with a crisp blue ribbon. She lit his pipe, saying: "Go on now like a nice boy, Herman, and don't let that naughty goat take advantage of you."

The goat in his make-up looked comical. I could not help but to let loose a loud guffaw. This he resented; he turned in the door-way abruptly, lowered his head and charged. I managed to get a chair between him and me—the lady struck him lightly on the rump, saying:

"Be a nice boy, go on and be sure to wait for the green light before crossing Beeker Street." The goat walked off reluctantly, turned and looked at me; I held a straight face. He went on his way.

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At the luncheon table I passed the remark that Herman was indeed a smart goat. Mrs. Pendleton said: "He is more than that, he is brilliant."

She then told how she found and raised Herman from a tiny kid. Her late husband was a sea captain and owned his ship. She often went with him on world-wide cruises.

Late one night at Barcelona, Spain, his sailors back from shore leave, brought on board—Herman! They had made him drink several bottles of beer and he was in an awful condition. He was nursed back to health by Mrs. Pendleton and became her pet.

The captain had little or no use for Herman, claiming the goat got more time and attention from Mrs. Pendleton than himself. The captain and Herman became bitter foes, kicking and knocking each other about.

One cold, murky afternoon the captain stood by an open railing gate. Herman seeing his greatest opportunity charged knocking the captain overboard into the icy waters below. After a hard struggle the captain finally reached a rope ladder and scrambled back on deck. The plunge proved disastrous—pneumonia set in.

Confined to bed the captain swore revenge upon the goat. He ordered Herman to walk the plank. That night his sailors captured the goat and kept him in the ship's frozen food locker till 3 o'clock in the morning. Then the captain appeared on deck hobbling on crutches, clad in a nightgown. Herman was led out, looking more like a polar bear than a goat. He was covered all over with frost and icicles. He was put on the plank and the captain poked him with the end of his crutch, hollering: "Go on, you blasted hyena, say your prayers!" The captain's bellowing awoke Mrs. Pendleton, who came screaming out on deck and rescued Herman just before the fatal dive.

The cold night air exposure ended in disaster for the captain. Two hours later he passed over the great divide to the planet Venus (sailor's heaven), because it holds more water than land.

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The long hours in the food locker was bad for Herman. He developed whooping cough and sneezed days and nights all the way to Boston. There it was decided to send Herman to Arizona to recuperate.

He found ranch life south of Tucson too monotonous and took off for Nogales, where he crossed the border into Mexico. There he met a Mexican nanny goat named Carmita. Both went on a tequila spree and after knocking over a hot tamale stand were thrown in jail. Through some Nogales lawyer friend, a fine was paid. Herman was released, crated and shipped back to Boston.

He arrived in a pitiful condition. His teeth were knocked out, from a kick in the snout by a Mexican burro, who was serving 30 days for helping himself to avocados in an open air vegetable stand. His goatee, eyebrows and part of his chin whiskers were burnt off, from trying to light his pipe over a jail-yard bonfire. He was terribly underfed.

Mrs. Pendleton had given orders to feed him wieners and buns en route, but the baggage car attendant had eaten the wieners and buns and given Herman the wax paper they came wrapped in.

He was sent to a dentist for false teeth. Mrs. Pendleton glued on artificial eye brows and tied on a false goatee and sent him to a beauty parlor to be marcel waved all over. When he came back he was the prettiest goat one had ever seen.

It was decided to have a portrait made. So the artist who painted the captain's picture was called in. Mrs. Pendleton hung Herman's picture beside the captain's, over the fire-place, but people could not tell them apart, so the captain's picture was hung in the cellar close to where he had kept his jug.

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Herman, after his trip to Mexico, became morose and sullen-like, but seemed to come to life when Mrs. Pendleton played Mexican music. He pranced, bucked and beat his head against the woodwork. The old lady became frantic and sought advice from a neighbor who suggested she send for Carmita. The Nogales friend crated and shipped her.

When Carmita arrived she was indeed a pretty little nanny goat. She had a long wavy coat of black hair. A cut Mexican girdle in red, green and yellow was laced with a blue ribbon around her tummy. She wore a solid silver ring in her nose and her dainty hoofs were painted brilliant red. Herman was delighted. They played and romped about for days.

## If We Would Think!

By JACK O'GRADY

Candidate for Congress, Sixth District

All members of organized labor should stop and think for just a little while. Think of their own future, the future of their country and also the future of the peace of the world. The millions of wage earners, members of the different trade unions, have the power to shape that future.

Our economic welfare is threatened by inflation, our freedom is endangered by reactionary forces and our social well being is being undermined by inaction.

As citizens we are given the greatest protection against these perils; we possess an invincible weapon, the right to vote. All economic protections of our people against inflation was swept aside by the 80th Congress. They have refused to lift a finger to halt the skyrocketing prices. These brutal and unjustified increases in the cost-of-living is robbing every worker and his family of his hard earned wages.

When the 80th Congress was in session what did they do to bring about a low cost housing program, despite the emergency need for millions of new homes? Nothing. What did they care about the working man? But they did freeze the minimum wage level at 40 cents an hour, \$16.00 a week for 40 hours of work. Starvation wages, I would say. Shamefully neglected was the welfare of elderly, retired workers who are forced to exist on Social Security benefits averaging less than \$25.00 a month. The health of the nation and its children was disregarded when they refused to give consideration to the enactment of a national health insurance program.

There should be a house cleaning in Washington. You with your vote can do it at the next election. Human needs were ignored by the 80th Congress, but they were willing and prompt to every demand by the National Association of Manufacturers. Tax reduction legislation was adopted which offered minor savings to low income families, but it meant huge savings to the wealthy.

You will receive a flood of propaganda praising the Republican controlled 80th Congress. Big business is going to bat for the Republican members of the 80th Congress. Money talks in politics and you will find that this year the big money will be talking for the anti-labor Congressmen and Senators.

Thank God that in America even the money power cannot overcome the indignation of a free people. The 80th Congress was elected by only one-third of the qualified voters of the country. Labor itself helped to elect reactionary law makers by staying away from the polls and not voting.

Ask yourself this question: "Am I a good union member?" No union member can be a good union member unless he is a loyal American first. And you can't be a good citizen unless you vote.

## Nolan Wants Jack O'Grady Voted to Congress November 2

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The district includes Clinton, headquarters of Mr. Nolan's union; Terre Haute, headquarters of Teamsters Local 144, and territory east to Noblesville, taking in Crawfordsville, Greencastle and other centers.

In the district are many Teamsters. If all these members had gotten out two years ago and worked and prevailed upon their friends to work, they wouldn't have had Noble Johnson represent them in the Taft-Hartley 80th Congress. Johnson's record was consistently unfriendly to labor, but he's been made a judge and is not a candidate on the executive board.

"Indiana needs men like Senator O'Grady in Washington," says Elmer Nolan.

One night Herman was taking Carmita down to the Beeker Street corner to buy her some enchiladas, when a young handsome black and white goat gave her the bah-bah wolf call. Herman became furious and made for the offender, but he proved no match for the wolf goat. The young, handsome one knocked Herman through a basement window down into a coal bin. When rescued by the old lady, Carmita and the handsome one were gone. Herman realized his romantic days had come to an end. He decided to be just an ordinary home goat. Mrs. Pendleton added: "Since his coal bin experience he has been one of the nicest goats one can own. He runs my errands and spends most of his time in the sun parlor smoking."

Herman was now back from the grocer. My heart went out to him and I think the goat sensed it. He came and laid his head upon my knee. I stroked it gently, saying: "I know how you feel, Herman, but don't take it too hard. To lose one's cherished love and be knocked into a coal pile at the same time is more than any of us goats can take." Herman looked up at me with grateful eyes. He seemed much consoled. I thanked lady Pendleton for her nice luncheon. Bid them both good bye and took off.

## LOCAL 193 MEN CITED FOR SAFETY

WASHINGTON — Safe-driving awards have been forwarded by the American Trucking Associations, Inc., to the Aero Mayflower Transit Co., Indianapolis, for presentation to 18 of the company's drivers who have safety records covering from one to five consecutive years of driving without an accident.

The drivers to receive the awards are: Donald Ledbetter, Robert Vall and Thomas R. Wright, five years; Carl Ahrendt and Victor A. McKee, three years; Joseph Parker and William R. Smith, two years, and Robert E. Alvey, Charles Alexander, Frederick S. Blousier, Gilbert Coon, William L. Duke, Dave H. Farmer, Robert D. Fowler, George Jones, Willard M. Loh, Ralph M. Ray and Jack L. Davis, one year. All are members of Teamsters Local 193.

## Polk First Big Milk Co. To Go Union

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Milk Foundation of Indianapolis, an association of practically all dairies and distributors in the area, headed by Winfield Hunt, executive secretary.

One chief function of the association has been a consistent and at times bitter resistance to organized labor.

In the present negotiations, the Polk Co., by request of Mr. Davis, has dispensed with Mr. Hunt and found that labor-management relations are much more friendly without his assistance.

The nearest approach any other major milk company of the Indianapolis milk shed area has ever come to going union to date was when a number of salesdrivers for Capitol Dairies joined Local 188. These members were outvoted in an NLRB election recently.

Union officials believe that the Capitol non-unionists will have a change of heart when they find their business being picked off by the Polk men and that it is only a question of time now before the Capitol dairy will be a union shop.

In negotiating for the Polk employees Davis wants two per cent increase for retail and one per cent increase for wholesale salesdrivers, and 25 cents an hour more pay for the plant workers.

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# LABOR DAY OBSERVED IN INDIANA



O. B. Chambers, head of Teamsters Local 759, is shown (right) with Francis Henry, steward at Miller's Transfer Co., with one of the floats which featured the Labor Day parade in Kokomo.

Even with rain everywhere in the state to scatter picnickers and drive entertainment indoors, Indiana cities observed Labor Day this year with their greatest demonstrations of organized labor in history. All celebrations were in protest against the Taft-Hartley law and denunciation of eight Indiana congressmen who had proved themselves enemies of the people.

Conspicuous in the parades and arrangements committees were the Teamsters.

In Gary 30,000 people took part in the five-mile parade and additional thousands joined in the following festivities at the Lake County fairgrounds in Crown Point.

Credit for this mammoth celebration goes to General Chairman Otis Hand, Herman Wietbrock, Frank Potesak, Fred Schutz and Martin Peterson. They were assisted by corps of aides.

In the parade, besides the thousands of marching workers from all locals affiliated with the Lake

County Central Labor Union, were eight bands and 15 magnificent floats, plus industry displays and trucks.

Each city contributed its share of union workers to the celebration—Hammond, East Chicago, Gary, Hobart and other communities.

Highlight of the fairgrounds celebration was the main speech by Carl H. Mullen, president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor. Mullen walked with his local in the parade, Painters 460, of Hammond, and he wore cap and gloves.

#### Kokomo on Parade

Kokomo had a parade six bands long and speech-making by two mayors, and was the center of activities for AFL unions from Howard, Miami, Cass and Wabash counties.

Driven by rain from Kautz field to the high school auditorium, the throng amused itself with baby contests, amateur talent appearances, etc., and in the evening danced at the Labor Temple.

In Muncie the celebration was held in conjunction with labor from Anderson. Here the speeches

were highlighted with one by State Senator Charles F. Fleming, who denounced congressmen from both districts represented, the 5th by Anderson and the 10th by Muncie.

Harness of the 5th can and must be defeated this time, he said, and Harvey in the 10th has proved in public utterances that he is no more for the people than was the late unlamented—by labor—Springer.

Consensus of Fleming's listeners was that all would vote for his election Nov. 2 as Secretary of State, according to Pat Mahoney.

Labor Day celebrators in Marion also were told in speeches to get out the vote against Harness. John R. Walsh of Anderson is the man who can beat Harness, said the speakers. "Vote for Walsh."

#### Wilkes Helps Celebrate

In Michigan City a big throng gathered in Washington park for speeches, picnics and entertainment, and more than 1,000 clustered on the S.S. "City of Grand Rapids" for a lake trip. E. C. Wilkes, head of Teamsters Local 298, was general chairman of events.

## Labor Bureau Publishes Book

**WASHINGTON**—One out of every four workers in the nation's labor force, or one out of every six persons aged 21 or over, is a union member, according to union membership data compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This fact was revealed with the publication of a new bulletin entitled, "Directory of Labor Unions in the United States," which lists a total of 197 national and international unions and 89 state and territorial labor organizations with a membership of 15,600,000.

Thirty-seven of the national and international unions listed in the directory each have more than 100,000 members, while six have more than 500,000. At the opposite end of the scale, 16 unions reported less than 1,000 members. About half of the unions have less than 100 locals each. Fifteen unions, on the other hand, have 1,000 or more subordinate locals or lodges.

This year's directory also includes a brief discussion of the labor movement since World War II, with an analysis of union membership and size. For each individual union, in addition to the union official title, address, and principal officers, information is given on the frequency of conventions, the union's official publication and its research and education department.

The principal officers, headquarters and publication for each of the 89 AFL and CIO state and territorial offices are also presented. A finding index which lists each union by its full official title, and the page of the directory on which it can be found, completes the directory.

Orders for the "Directory of Labor Unions in the United States" (BLS Bulletin No. 937) may be placed with the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. The price is 20 cents per copy.

## 8 "NEWS" MEN GIVEN MEDALS

Eight Indianapolis News truck drivers, all members of Teamsters Local 135, were awarded safety service medals Sept. 15 for having made outstanding records in the annual safety campaign sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Those who received the awards were Joseph Hibbert, Thomas Jones, Jr., George Bradford, John Keskies, Steven Keskies, Joseph Puckett, Richard Johnson and James Hurley. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hurley have won awards two years straight while the other winners are receiving the honor for the first time.

James Roach, a News truck driver who died recently, was due to have received an award this year. He had won the safety honor 16 times and was one of the leading drivers in the nation.

While these drivers are being lauded for their record in the state, The News fleet has been cited by the American Newspaper Publishers Association for an outstanding driving record nationally. The News fleet, operated 100 per cent by union drivers, is ranked eighth in safety among the nation's delivery crews. News drivers have driven nearly 140,000 miles and have had only one major accident. The national ranking given The News in this field was among papers with more than 100,000 circulation. K. W. Jeffries is in charge of The News drivers.

You cast a ballot only once in two years. That's political freedom. But you can demand Union Label goods every day in each year and gain economic freedom.

Every time you buy a Union Label article or use a Union service, you are casting a ballot for improved American Labor standards!

## Death Strikes Again in Family

**SHELBYVILLE**—John Brooks, 67, a St. Paul trucker, was struck and killed by the New York Central Railroad's crack passenger train, the Riley, at a crossing two miles west of Waldron.

Mr. Brooks, driving a one and one-half ton truck, was en route to Greenfield to collect cans for the St. Paul Canning Co.

Mr. Brooks was the father-in-law of James Ross, of Teamsters Local 135, who was killed recently in a Farm Bureau plant explosion in Shelbyville.

## Teamsters Attend ISFL Convention

(Continued from page 1) protective Committee, headed by Pat Hess of the Fort Wayne Teamsters, gave official records to show that Schriener had voted for repeal of the Prohibition law, while Creighton was one of the leaders in the fight against repealing the law. Creighton signed the minority report against repealing the law and was elected on a "dry" ticket from Kosciusko county.

Hess told the convention that the jobs of 56 Hoosier AFL workers, including many Teamsters, depend upon retention of legalized alcoholic beverages.

Among resolutions passed by the convention were three calling for repeal of the utilities no-strike law, three for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and two calling for placing Workmen's Compensation at the top of the legislative agenda of the State Federation for the next legislature.

## 3% OWN CORPORATIONS

**WASHINGTON**—The Federal Reserve Board has published the results of a 1948 survey showing that only about 5,500,000 people—representing only 4,500,000 families—own corporate stocks. This is just about three per cent of the people of the country.

## D. E. MAHONEY

### On the Line with 369

We have signed a new contract with the Arco Auto Carriers for 22 members engaged in the drive-away service at the Crosley plant in Marion. The contract, effective as of Sept. 14, provides substantial pay increase and improved working conditions. It was signed for the union by D. E. Mahoney and Willis Thomas after negotiation with the company, which lasted no more than one hour. The company definitely had its mind made up on what it wanted and so did the union.

Officers and members of Local 369 are hoping for a speedy recovery for Brother Grant Bales, who was injured in an auto accident July 4 and is still bedfast.

Congrats to Art Justice on becoming the proud father of a fine boy.

We have concluded a new agreement with the Elwood Transit Bus Co. for its drivers, giving them satisfactory terms for a year, starting Oct. 18. John Baden, business representative of Local 369, assisted in the negotiations.

We urge all members of organized labor to patronize Omar, Colonial and Singer bakeries. Demand bread made by these companies at your local store!

Willis Thomas, chairman of Labor's League for Political Education in Marion, reports a big turnout at a meeting Sept. 25 and says that the committee really went to town in getting people registered so they can vote against the Taft-Hartley law in November.

The next regular meeting of Teamsters Local 369 will be held at 10 a. m., Oct. 10, on the third floor of City Hall, Muncie. Lloyd Thrush, AFL organizer, will address the meeting after business is transacted. All members should attend.

## Red Cab Driver Was Fugitive From Plainfield Reformatory

Why Indianapolis has one of the worst taxicab systems of anywhere in America.

The Red Cab Co. of Indianapolis has been accused of hiring paroled convicts as drivers and holding the threat over them of sending them back to prison in event they join a union.

It now develops that a Red Cab driver, Oscar Ralph Manuel, recently arrested in the death of an Indianapolis man, accused of being intoxicated at the time of the accident, having no license and not being old enough to have a license, was in fact wanted by the police all the time he was driving a Red Cab about the streets of Indianapolis. He is an escaped inmate of Plainfield Boys' School with a long record of arrests.

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Read about Manuel in *The Indianapolis Star*:

A cab driver held in the traffic death of Dr. Harry M. Brown, deputy coroner and survivor of Bataan, yesterday was identified as an escaped inmate of Plainfield Boys' School with a long record of arrests.

Oscar Ralph Manuel, 1521 Carrollton Avenue, accused of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, was identified as an escapee in Municipal Court 4.

He had a record of seven arrests, four for larceny and three for burglary, when committed to the school in November, 1943, for violence taking school records showed.

#### Escaped 18 Months Ago

He escaped more than 18 months ago when the school basketball team, of which he was a member, played the Indiana School for Deaf here.

Manuel was in Municipal Court 4 yesterday for arraignment on a manslaughter charge in Dr. Brown's death. The charge is based on two counts, driving under the influence and failure to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle.

J. M. Griffin, Plainfield, field representative for the Boys' School,

also appeared and identified Manuel as an escaped inmate. He waived jurisdiction over Manuel, who was bound over to the grand jury without bond. He previously had been free under \$1,000 bond on a vagrancy charge.

Dr. Brown was on his way to investigate a sudden death when his car and Manuel's cab collided June 29 at South and Meridian Streets. Dr. Brown died three days later in General Hospital of a skull fracture and other injuries.

#### Red Cab Employee

Manuel had been employed by the Red Cab Company about a month when the accident happened. He was fingerprinted by police for his cab operator's permit May 26.

Manuel gave police his age as 23. Boys' School records show he is 19. He was placed on probation there Feb. 12, 1945, and was returned there Sept. 14, 1945. School officials could find no record of whether he was returned for parole violation.

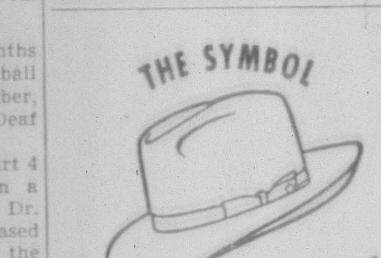
Manuel submitted voluntarily to a drunkometer test after his arrest which indicated he had been drinking, police said.

Manuel told police he was a Navy veteran with two years' service in the South Pacific.

All of Manuel's arrests came when he was a juvenile and he was never fingerprinted before he applied for his license.

The Board of Public Safety checks the fingerprint files of city and state police and the FBI before issuing an applicant a cab driver's permit, Leroy J. Keach, board president, said. The Red Cab Company checks the same files before hiring a driver, Thomas R. Kackley, president, said.

**THE SYMBOL OF CLEAN GOVERNMENT**



## Catholics Hit Taft-Hartley Law

**WASHINGTON**—The social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference urged Congress to scrap "obstructive provisions" of the Taft-Hartley law. It asked the lawmakers to "dig deeper into the underlying causes of industrial unrest."

# TRUCK DRIVERS IN STATE-WIDE ROADEO



## PRIZES FOR TOP SCORES AT ROADEO

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represented his union and the Drivers Council in making the cash awards.

### Local Roadeo Winners

Seventeen of the contestants were from Indianapolis and had been nominated to the event by their respective companies. Most of the others had won or placed in local Roadeos held within the last few weeks in Evansville, Lafayette, Terre Haute, South Bend and elsewhere.

The contestants were given written and oral examinations, covering every phase of safe driving, efficient driving, first aid, construction and repair of motor vehicles, courtesy on the road and then were put through the grilling obstacle test at the War Memorial Plaza. A large committee and many spectators witnessed this major event of the Roadeo, and were thrilled to see the worst truck driver do a better job of driving than is expected from the best private car operator in America.

### THE WINNERS

#### Tractor-Trailer Class

John Waldon, Foster Freight Lines, Inc., Indianapolis.

Walter Cline, Ellis Trucking Co., Indianapolis.

Leslie McGurer, Trucking, Inc., Indianapolis.

Wayne Dobson, Merchants Freight Systems, Inc., Terre Haute.

George Meade, A & H Truck Line, Inc., Evansville.

#### Straight Truck Class

William K. Wright, Foster Freight Lines, Inc., Indianapolis.

Richard Strouse, Ellis Trucking Co., Inc., Indianapolis.

Robert Clayton, Ellis Trucking Co., Inc., Indianapolis.

Paul Russell, Transamerican Freight Lines, Indianapolis.

Earl Espich, Fort Wayne, Commercial Motor Freight, Inc., of Indiana, Indianapolis.

### Joe's Boys Have Won All State Roadeos to Date

Members of Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis, have won two national and all Indiana statewide roadeos since the annual contests of skillful truck driving were started in this state eight years ago, and Joe Williams proudly recalls congratulating his boys on each occasion.

The contests for both straight truck and tractor-trailer drivers date back to 1940, when winners were Orville Hoffert, in the straight truck class, and Walter R. Cline, in the tractor-trailer class.

The winners were sent, expenses paid, to the annual convention of the American Trucking Associations in Los Angeles, and there Hoffert won the national contest with a score of 109 points out of a possible 120, the highest score made by any contestant in America up to that time.

Cline won the state tractor-trailer championship again in October, 1941, while Charles Goins took the straight truck honors.

A month later that year Goins won the national championship in Madison Square Garden, New York.

Then came the wars and contests were suspended.

The contests were resumed in 1946, the national being held in Chicago. Indiana had no state roadeo in that year, but Goins appeared at the national event to defend his title. He was defeated by Alex Adamski of Chicago.

In Sept., 1947, a state-wide roadeo in Indianapolis was won by Richard Strouse, driving a straight truck, and by Leslie McGurer, in a tractor-trailer.

This year's events were won by William White and John Waldon, as reported elsewhere in this edition.

from Local 543 and about half from Local 759, the only locals having jurisdiction over the particular section of the state covered.

We wish to compliment all drivers who took part in the affair for their sportsmanship and their skill, especially those of Local 543, who were successful in carrying away five of the six top ratings.

### THE WINNERS

#### Straight Truck Class

First—Roy May, Lafayette, Turner Trucking Co.

Second—Bob Andrews, Lafayette, National Homes.

Third—John French, Wabash, Brown Trucking Co.

#### Tractor-Trailer Class

First—Russell Siple, Lafayette, Hayes Freight.

Second—Max Strader, Lafayette, Hayes Freight.

Third—Chas. Peffley, Lafayette, Vandergraph.

Many valuable prizes were won by these six high-point men, all of whom feel they were well rewarded for their efforts. These prizes were given by various merchants and Locals 759 and 543.

## 30 Teamsters In Lafayette Competition

By S. W. HELTON

LAFAYETTE—The Roadeo held on the parking grounds of the Aluminum Plant at Lafayette, Sunday, Sept. 5, and sponsored by the Indiana Motor Truck Association, was a huge success.

Drivers with accident-free records were permitted to participate and, while we have many such drivers among our brother Teamsters, there were but 30 entries. Of these 30 drivers, about half of them were



ABOVE—Forty contestants in the state-wide Roadeo, held Sept. 23 and 24 at World War Memorial Plaza, Indianapolis.

BETWEEN—The winners, William Wright (left) and John Waldon are congratulated by E. J. (Joe) Williams, head of the Teamsters Union Local 135, of which they are members.

## ROADEO FOR EVANSVILLE

EVANSVILLE — Albert Gibbs, Hancock Truck Lines, Evansville, and Kenneth Bowman, driver for Bonfield Bros., Metropolis, Ill., won top honors in the first annual Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Roadeo, which ended a two-day competition Sunday, Aug. 29.

Mr. Gibbs, who won first place in the straight truck division, and Mr. Bowman, who took first place in the tractor-trailer division, were presented with awards at an evening dinner at the Alpine House.

Clyde Birdsong, president of Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215, was chairman of the awards committee, and Mike Angel was a committee member, while D. W. Annis, assistant business representative, was a member of the committee for the parade, which opened the two-day program.

## NEW BUILDING FOR LOCAL 144 IN TERRE HAUTE

Teamsters Local No. 144 expects to have its new home, now being constructed at 8th and Walnut Sts., Terre Haute, completed by Oct. 15. The home is being built at an approximate cost of between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The building will be a one-story structure of brick and concrete with a full basement and foundation designed for the addition of upper stories if desired at a later date.

On the main floor will be the lobby, the general office, two conference rooms, three agents' offices and the president's office. The woodwork in the interior of the building will be oak.

In the basement is a large meeting room designed to seat approximately 300.

The membership of Local 144 is approximately 2,000 in Terre Haute and surrounding counties.

The officers are Gale F. Murkin, president; Hubert Dix, vice-president; Louis Hershfield, secretary-treasurer; J. H. Reynolds, recording secretary and business agent; B. L. Wheat and James W. Coakley, business agents; Claude Buck, Carl Frank and Herman LaMaster, trustees.

### LOGANSPORT DRIVER KILLED

Robert F. Tweedie of Logansport, member of Teamsters Local 759, was fatally injured Sept. 21 while driving a semi-trailer south of LaPorte in a head-on crash, described in the newspapers as one of the worst traffic accidents in Indiana history.

## The Look See with 233

By ED HEFFNER and ED McCARTHY

Sarge Dephne of Standard spent his vacation baby-sitting. Mrs. Dephne presented Sarge with a fine baby boy.

A & P Warehouse contract is settled with a substantial wage increase and several new higher bracket classifications.

Glidden contract is also settled with some fringe issues and a nice wage increase.

To all members and friends of Local 233: Election day is nearing. Costs are going higher. If you don't vote, or vote for labor's enemies, you are allowing men to make the laws who want you shackled.

The Taft-Hartley law is not intended to stop or shackle labor leaders. It is intended to get cheap labor that must jump when the boss cracks the whip. Check on the man's labor record before you vote.

Remember, regular meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., 28 W. North.

Standard division of the National Tea Co., just granted the largest increase to its employees ever granted in Local 233's history. This corrected inequities that have long existed. A more liberal vacation program and workweek guarantees were also added.

These members have proven a unit that stays together and attends meetings are stand-up union members. They are consistent and get the things they are entitled to.

The H. J. Riebe Co., on the produce market has reopened. They were closed during the summer months.

Contract proposals have been drawn up for Red Dot Foods, Kibler Trucking, the warehouse group, Kroger Co., and Kroger mechanics. Negotiations will soon be under way.

The officers and members of the local extend their sympathy to Bro. "Rev" Clyde Cox, who has a neck full of boils. Also from Kiblers, Bro. Sam Lawless hurt himself during his work—get well soon, Sam!

Bro. Paul Rolland, of the Knightstown branch of Ind. Warehouse, who has been off due to an auto accident, is improving.

Bro. E. Oliphant, of Ind. Terminal, is back from his two-week vacation and reports a good time. He now offers for sale one set of lawn chairs, one lawn table and one umbrella, but he will retain his old bull.

Bro. Pete Clouse, of Ind. Terminal, recently bought what he thought was a coon dog. He took the dog and started home. He stopped and bought a pound and a half of meat and a loaf of bread. Nearing home he got thirsty; so he stopped at a soft drink parlor for a bottle of soda.

Upon returning to the car the meat was gone and half the bread, so Bro. Clouse now has a sooner dog for sale. A dog that would sooner eat than hunt.